Today’s Servants
USHERS: William Hatcher, Madysin Hewitt, Kay & Jack Jones
READERS: Kristen Baker, Christian Curry, Dr. Jan Elsea
ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION: Earl & Peggy Northcutt
AUDIO: Jim DeBusk
CHANCEL FLOWERS:
Given by Kay & Jack Jones in celebration of their 22nd wedding anniversary
and by Carole Culwell in loving memory of her mother’s 100th birthday

OFFERTORY O Vos Omnes Victoria
“O all ye that pass by the way,
attend and see if there be any sorrow like to my sorrow.”
Paradise Singers

* DOXOLOGY Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle verse 5 No. 296

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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THE LORD’S PRAYER
SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

ANTHEM “Introduction” from The Seven Last Words of Christ Dubois
Asleif Willmer, soprano; Jean Arkwright, flute

HYMN Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling No. 348

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

* HYMN OF COMMITMENT Your Love, O God No. 120

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

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by igniting faith, transforming lives,
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Worship Celebration
March 6, 2016 — 8:00 a.m.
MEDITATION
Joy and resentment cannot coexist.
~ Henri J.M. Nouwen, Return of the Prodigal Son

INVITATION TO THE LENTEN JOURNEY
Rev. Dr. David Summers

PRELUDE
Song Without Words
Mendelssohn
Dr. Andria Fennig, piano

* CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: We come as God’s people, journeying to Jerusalem.
People: We walk as disciples, following Christ, towards the cross.
Leader: Our journey is significant, moving us from pride to grace.
All: We follow in the unfailing steps of Jesus the Christ, whose name we praise.

* HYMN OF PRAISE
My Song is Love Unknown
The Faith We Sing (TFWS) No. 2083

* OPENING PRAYER
Christopher Wurpts, Youth Ministries Dir.
Here we are Lord!
We come from the busy-ness of our daily lives,
from the noise of our work and play,
and from the world around us.
We come to worship you.
In this hour, we long to meet you,
to feel your presence surrounding us, enveloping us, loving us.
We long to settle into silence,
laying aside our worries and our cares,
aware of your presence around us, before us, behind us, within us.
Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

* MOMENTS OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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Large-print bulletins, Bibles and hymnals, as well as assistive listening devices and wheelchairs, are available from the ushers.

* HYMN OF FELLOWSHIP
Cast Out, O Christ

Cast out, O Christ, cast far away the demons that destroy;
the haunting dreads that choke our souls, the hates that stifle joy.
Our raging griefs, our jealous fears are Legion in their name.
Our shackled hearts implore your grace to loose our binding shame.
Your Word breathes life and health and hope that break through evil’s thrall.
You send us, strengthened, home in peace to live your gospel call.

Words: Mary Louise Bringle; Music American folk melody; arr. Dean McIntyre
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)
Gracious God, whose mercy is higher than the heavens,
wider than our wanderings, and deeper than all our sin:
receive again your bewildered and broken people.
Forgive our folly and our excess, our coldness to human sorrow,
our passion for things of the moment;
change our hearts and turn all our desires to your way,
that we may love what you love and do what you command;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent Prayer and Words of Assurance
Leader: In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
People: In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
All: Glory to God. Amen.

SCRIPTURE
Luke 15:11-32
Leader: God’s Word for God’s people.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON
137 Miles: A Journey with Jesus; 3: From Pride to Grace
Rev. Eve Williams

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